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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

DEPT OFF ESCORTING CODELS YATRON AND WOLFF BRIEFED
CODELS YESTERDAY ON STATUS OF APANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS
IN ANTICIPATION OF FORTHCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONCEPTUAL
AGREEMENT AMONG THE TWO PARTIES. BRIEFING INCLUDED ELEMENTS
OF ECONOMIC PACKAGE. DESPITE FACT THAT DEPTOFF STRESSED
SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION, TWO CODEL MEMBERS QUERIED
PRESIDENT LOPEZ, DURING MEETING WITH HIM TODAY, ABOUT
COLOMBIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN REACTION TOIDEA OF INCREASING
CANAL TONNAGE TOLLS BY 30 CENTS AS SOURCE OF PART OF
ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO PANAMA. LOPEZ REGISTERED SURPRISE AND
COMMENTED THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS OR WOULD
BE PART OF THE AGREEMENT. HE UNDERLINED THE ECONOMIC COSTS
TO USER NATIONS OF SUCH A PROVISION AND OBSERVED THAT IT
COULD BE EXPLOITED POLITICALLY BY THOSE ELEMENTS WHO
FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER WERE OPPOSED TO USG ON THE TREATY
ISSUE. MANY MEMBERS OF CODEL WERE STRUCK BY LOPEZ' NEGATIVE
REACTION AND EXPRESSED AMONG THEMSELVES SOME PESSIMISM
ABOUT THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS PROVISION AMONG LATIN
AMERICANS. LOPEZ' REACTION MAY INDICATE THAT PANAMANIANS
DID NOT DISCUSS FULL ECONOMIC PACKAGE DURING SUMMIT MEETING
AND ESPECIALLY THIS PROVISION OF THE PACKAGE.
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